GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2065
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RECONSTRUCTION OF BRIDGE ON AMRITSAR-PATHANKOT-KULLU HIGHWAY
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Amritsar-Pathankot-Kullu Highways is the only National Highway for carrying supplies for the army in Leh-Ladakh;

(b) if so, whether a bridge constructed enroute on Chakki Khudd is old one and is in a dilapidated condition;

(c) if so, whether the Government propose to reconstruct this bridge;

(d) if so, the action plan formulated in this regard; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)(MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B KHANDURI, AVSM)

(a) There are two routes leading two Leh-Ladakh. One route is from Amritsar-Pathankot-Kullu National Highway and another is from Amritsar-Pathankot-Jammu- Srinager National Highway.

(b) The existing bridge on Chakki Khadd is a single lane narrow bridge which needs reconstruction as per National Highways standard. However, the existing bridge is being maintained in a traffic worthy condition.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d)&(e) The land for approaches is yet to be acquired by the States of Punjab/ Himachal Pradesh for which land acquisition estimate has already been sanctioned. The reconstruction of the bridge will be taken up after the land for approaches is acquired.